Weather West • 17 days ago

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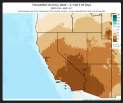

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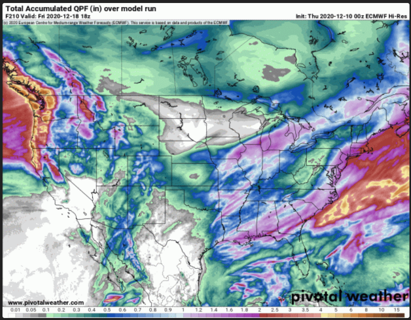
GFS is handing out shots and beers to all the kids this week. Euro is mostly serving the "cool kids" that live in the "best neighborhoods".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Fairweathercactus • 6 hours ago

The ridge this fall gas been as good as the 2000 Baltimore defense. Unforgiving is an understatement.

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Storm Master • 8 hours ago

Turckee CA is a Ghost town tonight. No cars no people nothing

https://hdontap.com/index.p...

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) → Storm Master • 6 hours ago

Are there normally people in Downtown Truckee at 1AM?

2 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Glenshire 41 More Days! → Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) • 3 hours ago

Not on a Wednesday night. There have been healthy (unhealthy?) numbers of tourists during the day though. That all ends on Friday.

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) → Glenshire 41 More Days! • 2 hours ago • edited

I feel bad for the ski resorts.

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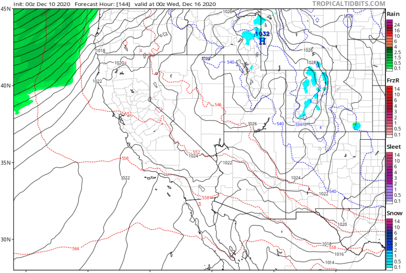
CrashingOut • 10 hours ago

Last night the CMC was picking up on a sweet signal for the 17th area, tonight the GFS is picking up on it 144-186 hours on the plot is getting my attention. This is the tap that's been talked about, kind of falls apart but if this one comes through **@alanstorm** will finally get his first *real* ***INCOMING***



4 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›   Show 1 new reply

alanstorm ↱ CrashingOut • 7 hours ago

Thx man

2 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

William Justo • 11 hours ago

Probably a bit late but the sunset was another winner tonight thanks to lingering high clouds. Viewed from Milpitas, CA. We've been getting plenty of these fiery sunsets this month, certainly a sign of the pattern change to come with storms getting closer and closer and finally giving us our first rain drops in a while.

8 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

rob b-Truckee/East Bay • 11 hours ago

Anyone else in the East Bay go from calm to no wind to winds howling about 9pm? Getting quite the gusts around Mt Diablo tonight. 15-20 mph gusts around here.

^ | v • Reply • Share ›

Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ↱ rob b-Truckee/East Bay • 2 hours ago • edited

Vary mild morning at 53. Wind never touched down here but I knew it must be somewhere close by to keep it so warm all night.

^ | v • Reply • Share ›   Show 2 new replies

Charlie B • 12 hours ago

My job involves asking questions. Tomorrow starting at 9 I will ask a multitude of questions for probably 5 or 6 hours. I'll get a bit hungry, but I want to understand a case. I gain nothing by not asking questions. I might not like the answers, but better now than later. "Inquiring minds want to know." (Which is why in my opinion neither free speech nor free science should ever be silenced. Always ask questions, and always question the answers, especially when dealing with teenagers or zealots.) So before I drift off to a bit of slumber, I note a twitter post from Rick Thoman up in Alaska. By way of background, Alaska is in many ways (as predicted) the poster child for a warming environment. Thoman had a map recently showing that everywhere in Alaska is experiencing interesting (at the low end) to alarming (at the high end) warming temperatures, with the fringes near water in the Arctic and near Arctic most pronounced. You cannot blame that on such things as the urban heat island effect, or faulty thermometers. It just is (perhaps or definitely due to low sea ice, so maybe you can blame it on that which asks more questions than I care to consider right now). So why, and here is the question for inquiring minds, did Thoman post something that made me scratch my head. He posted a graph of the Alaska statewide Autumn temperatures for 95 years (1925-2020). Autumn is defined as September-November. Five (5) "top ten" warmest Alaska statewide autumns in the last 95 years were between 1925 and 1939. There was one (1) top ten warmest autumn in the 1940's, none (0) until 1979 (1) , none (0) in the '80's, none (0) in the 90's, one (1) between 2000-2010 and two (2) since then. The "warmest" seems to be 2002, with in descending order 2018, 1979, 2018, 1927, 1938, 1937, 1926, 1949 and finally 1929. Thoman notes that autumn "remains an outlier in the sense that it's the only season that most

of the ten warmest years occurred prior to 1970."
The last few years, the Arctic and near Arctic fringes have had a tough time getting truly cold in autumn, blamed on low sea ice. Barrow has not had a single day below normal for months. It can't have one until the sea freezes, and that is just now occurring (and it's getting cold).
So here after that long introduction is the question: Why were the autumns between 1925-39 so warm in Alaska, because presumably there was a lot more sea ice back then?
(I claim Carson's pics below as my own).

7 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share › Show 3 new replies

AlTahoe ↪ Charlie B • 2 hours ago

I saw an old newspaper article from the UK in like 1923 where they spoke to some residents of the arctic. The residents had told them of the recent vast expanses of open water that had never been seen before. The UK article mentioned that the recently warming arctic might open up shipping lanes that were not possible. So something weird was going on in the late 1910's through the 1930's including the wild temp swings seen in the USA at the end of that period.

^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Dan the Weatherman ↪ Charlie B • 11 hours ago • edited

I wonder if there was a period of lower Arctic ice extent during that time period before it rebounded? This happens to be the same time period the Dust Bowl took place, and obviously something was different in the weather patterns during that time. I never hear much about the overall conditions during that highly anomalous period of time, and I don't really believe the farming methods of that era were the only factor leading to that massive drought, although they likely exacerbated the situation.

2 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Nathan ↪ Charlie B • 11 hours ago • edited

In reality it's probably something like, Jimmy "Steamboat" Wagner moved his stovepipe chimney too close to an important thermometer or something. And temperatures went back to normal when he got squished to death by a moose or drowned in the ol crick.

5 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Bombillo ↪ Charlie B • 11 hours ago • edited

Someone like Daniel might suggest that climate change is not linear and has a varied footprint. I would ask the reverse, when were the coldest temperatures? I moved to this mountain community in very northern Ca 31 years ago and the oldest ranchers at the time (now long deceased) all agreed that the snows were much deeper here in the 20’s , 30’s, 40’s than they are now. Routinely 6-8 feet at the height of winter and no one came to or left this valley for 4 months. Are they all mis-recollecting the facts? I don’t believe so. Things have changed, rather dramatically, if you consider the modest span of our lives.

9 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share › Show 1 new reply

Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) ↪ Bombillo • 11 hours ago • edited

I’ve heard the talk of routine 2,000 foot snow levels during the 1950s in the Sierra. Wonder how long it is till it’s mostly rain in Truckee and Tahoe at lake level?

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

AlTahoe ↪ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 2 hours ago

The 1950's through the 1960's featured a very different base state in the Pacific then what we see now. The great pacific climate shift of 1976 might have been responsible for this. My great grandpa that lived in SF his entire life (98 years) said the weather goes in 30 year cycles.

2 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Nathan ↪ Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) • 9 hours ago

Pretty sure that bridge has been crossed for lake level.

^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Carson Lee Side • 12 hours ago

Went out for a short hike today to escape the cabin fever. We certainly left the four walled world far behind. The sublime skyscape over the Tahoe vicinity was completely captivating. Really stunning. I knew I was taking too many pictures. I'll just limit this show to four shots.

see more

18 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

ques0suizo ↪ Carson Lee Side • 9 hours ago

Stunning... And the pictures are very what-month-is-it 2020

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Jason Jackson Willamette ↪ Carson Lee Side • 10 hours ago

Love them all! Fantastic CLS!

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

alanstorm ➦ Carson Lee Side • 11 hours ago
Wow. Cloud pics today off the charts!
2 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Storm Master • 13 hours ago
the 00z is being good cop tonight
2 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

alanstorm ➦ Storm Master • 12 hours ago

YAYYYYYY!!!!!!
memes.com

5 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ Storm Master • 12 hours ago

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celo (Santa Barbara) • 15 hours ago
Yesterday morning when it was 80 degrees here in Santa Barbara, I felt I had either moved to a new city or something had changed dramatically.
I've lived most of my life in Santa Barbara and it is strange how the sun angle being so low during this time of year allows the mind to anticipate certain temperatures and humidity.
The morning of the record temperature, it was in the 70s and felt like mid-september or late august and the sun angle said middle of winter.
It was strange, just different, felt like there is now a new regime. Green sprouts are not shooting up, yet. The air has no moisture content. Things that should be happening with this time of year are not.
It feels like I have moved. To the desert or somewhere else.
In 2017-2018 it was similar, but there was constant smoke in the air and the Thomas fire was approaching. We also had a quarter inch of rain in September.
Now, there has been scattered trace and hundredths up to this point.
I know the bloggers on this site all have our moments like this. You are all much closer in tuned that most in what is happening around you. Anyways, I thought I'd share mine.
11 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Chris (Morgan Hill) ➦ celo (Santa Barbara) • 13 hours ago
I've lived here my whole life. Does not feel like December in CA anymore.
Feels different
Looks different
7 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

alanstorm ➦ Chris (Morgan Hill) • 11 hours ago
Drier, thats for sure
1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Travis ➦ celo (Santa Barbara) • 14 hours ago
I have California Poppies flowering in the field at work...... They are 3-4 months early
2 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

John Bukowinski ➦ celo (Santa Barbara) • 15 hours ago
You're definitely preaching to the choir. I'm a Bay Area native (yep, we do exist), and the last few years have been disorienting, to say the least. I feel like a stranger in my own home. I have a feeling that the number of people with this sense of disorientation will be increasing exponentially as the climate patterns around the globe continue to shift.

I remember La Niña patterns from when I was a kid, and although they were dry, we at least got thick tule fog and deep morning frosts for weeks at a time. It felt like winter. Whatever this is, it doesn't resemble any winter pattern that I'm familiar with. It's a good thing we humans are so adaptable; otherwise we'd all be going nuts.
9 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

SusanH ➦ John Bukowinski • 13 hours ago
Fog. What's that?
^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

CHeden (cottonwood) ➦ John Bukowinski • 15 hours ago
Going, going....GONE!

2 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

John Bukowinski ➦ CHeden (cottonwood) • 14 hours ago

One of the hallmarks of insanity is the inability to recognize the fact that you're insane. Therefore, perhaps I lost my mind long ago. Perhaps we all did. Perhaps we're all hallucinating this drought and it's actually raining buckets at this very moment. Close your eyes and really listen. Do you hear it too?

1 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

2Pluvious-MH ➦ CHeden (cottonwood) • 14 hours ago

Northern Lights tonight and tomorrow. We're ALL counting on you!!

^ | v 1 • Reply • Share ›

celo (Santa Barbara) ➦ celo (Santa Barbara) • 15 hours ago

Just as a side note, Looking over the Santa Barbara 120 year rainfall history, there have been fall periods that rainfall over an inch had not occurred until January and a few not until Mid-Feb. These few years did have little or no rainfall for the fall period. (Not unprecedented)

3 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

Robert T. ➦ celo (Santa Barbara) • 10 hours ago

On another side note. Hope when rain falls it will fall gently on the Big Sur/Pacific Valley Coast and even into Fort Hunter Liggett. Thank you for looking that up.

^ | v • Reply • Share ›

Shane Spencer • 16 hours ago

Earlier this afternoon above Carmichael. The clouds and direction S-SW they are coming from are right, so in a couple of days it could be a little rain falling. Humidity isn't heavy though, but how could it be as dry as it has been for weeks now.
I left the gutters that are full of leaves alone on purpose, daring it to rain.

5 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ Shane Spencer • 13 hours ago

It is mandatory for Weather Westers to clean out their gutters during the first real storm of the season. Any WWers caught cleaning their gutters beforehand will be severely punished.

1 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

Shane Spencer ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 12 hours ago

I knew I should have read the fine print!

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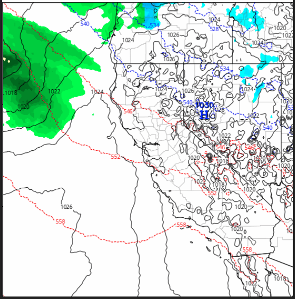
CrashingOut • 16 hours ago

System 1: NAM shows more snow, as expected it's always overdoing things, ICON shows it reaching the bay but other than that 80 north is going to enjoy #1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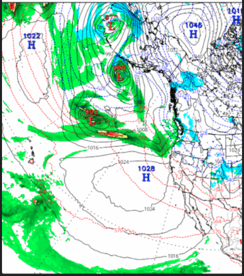
CrashingOut ↪ CrashingOut • 16 hours ago

Stepping back the GFS 18z is a parade of storms across the westpac. Cross all your digits it stays the trend.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William Justo ↪ CrashingOut • 11 hours ago

"The rain line will start to sink south as the month progresses". Finally starting to verify!

^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

alanstorm ↪ CrashingOut • 14 hours ago

Parade.
Barrage.
Train.
Plethora
Deluge

1 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

ques0suizo ↪ CrashingOut • 15 hours ago

The highs between those storms didn't get the memo that the gym is closed but I'll take what I can get!

^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Pfirman ↪ ques0suizo • 12 hours ago

Bachman Turner says you ain't seen nothing yet, lol.

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) • 16 hours ago

Sunset over Lake Oroville is pretty good.

16 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

AR (Sunnyvale) • 16 hours ago

> **AR (Sunnyvale)** · 15 days ago
>
> Since we're all throwing our hats into the ring for long-range forecasts, I thought I might do the same; I know I already released my winter forecast, but I can confidently say that it will rain on December 12. I'm planning to travel to dark skies to photograph the Geminid meteor shower, so rest assured that that's probably the one night in December where we'll get a storm :/
>
> 8 ↑ ↓ View in discussion

You're welcome.

8 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

gray whale ↪ AR (Sunnyvale) • 16 hours ago

Since bandini's on break:

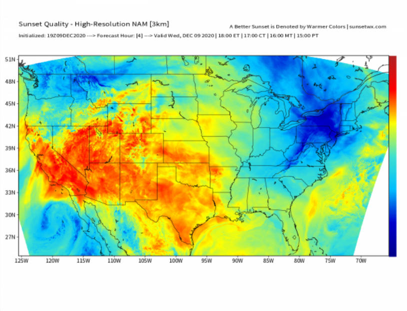
Eyyyyyy Ooooooo!!!

3 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Wonderland Park • 17 hours ago • edited

Sunset WX loogs good, time to head to the usual spot.

I think today or yesteday is the earliest sunset time of the year (not the solstice, but earliest sun will set for the year)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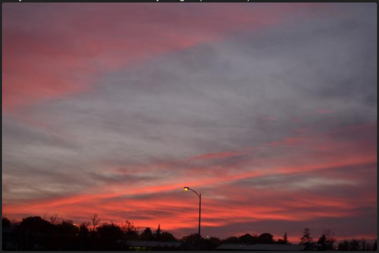
William Justo ↗ Wonderland Park • 11 hours ago

Fiery sunset verified in Silicon Valley tonight! (12-9-2020)



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Palos Verdes ↗ Wonderland Park • 15 hours ago

Woah, didnt know a model existed for this. Am I being pranked? Looks like they use the NAM 3k + "proprietary methods" to predict sunset quality. Interesting. How long have you been following this, is it accurate?

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Wonderland Park ↗ Palos Verdes • 14 hours ago • edited

The site has been around a year or two. When I was tossing and turning at 5am this morning, I had an inkling of good stuff. Checked the sunset wx site and regular satellite. Then saw the pre glow and raced to get that drone shot this morning. It's a tool, along with experience, regular forecast, satellite, etc. it's not a miracle sunset/sunrise predictor, but it's helpful.

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2Pluvious-MH ↗ Wonderland Park • 16 hours ago

Some good color Morgan Hill to Monterey.

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Wonderland Park ↗ 2Pluvious-MH • 15 hours ago

There was a small fire earlier in the park, spot where I wanted to go was closed.

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 17 hours ago

Sacto NWS is now advertising first round of rain starting Friday night. I don't remember even the most bullish GFS runs showing this. It boggles my mind that we can't improve forecasting models enough to get this stuff right more than 48 hours in advance. I spend an hour or more a day trying to plan around the weather and this stuff drives me nuts.

"Preliminary QPF amounts indicate less than a
tenth of an inch to around 0.20 inches in the Valley, locally up
to 0.40 in the northern Sacramento Valley; 0.30 to 0.75 inches
over the foothills and mountains, locally higher. Snow levels will
start out between 2500 to 3500 feet and rise to 6500 to 7000 feet
Saturday afternoon as warm air advection ramps up. A few inches
of snow are possible above 5500 feet. Late afternoon shower
chances will likely be confined to locations north of I-80, with
the best potential over the foothills and mountains."

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Leland (Town Biz) ↗ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 17 hours ago

Dry turned into wet last minute for once!

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jstrahl ➦ Leland (Town Biz) • 15 hours ago
Last minute? Last minute is 6 hours out.
⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Leland (Town Biz) ➦ jstrahl • 15 hours ago
haha I knew I jinxed it, damn it
1 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ Leland (Town Biz) • 16 hours ago
Storm Master was right!
4 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

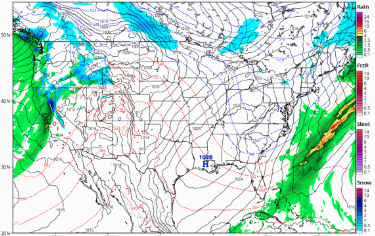
alanstorm • 17 hours ago
12z Bad Cop
18z Good Cop
2 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

jstrahl ➦ alanstorm • 15 hours ago
18Z unreliable, i have read on these pages many a time. :-)
⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

gray whale ➦ alanstorm • 15 hours ago • edited
edited. coulda gotten me into trouble
1 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

CrashingOut ➦ alanstorm • 16 hours ago
12z wasn't in line with the trend.
18z rocks out with its #CAWX out.
2 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

SLCWx ➦ alanstorm • 17 hours ago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384 hour Tahoe white Christmas
1 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Unbiased Observer ➦ SLCWx • 17 hours ago
Book it
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Juan (Santa Paula) • 18 hours ago
Even thought it won't happen it still brings me to the edge of my seat, the 18z does,
⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Shane Ritter ➦ Juan (Santa Paula) • 17 hours ago
We neee that run to verify
⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Juan (Santa Paula) ➦ Shane Ritter • 17 hours ago
don't get me wrong i believe anything within 240 hrs will occur to a degree, i'm talking about the 360+ hr timeframe where it FINALLY brings something to socal
⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Shane Ritter ➦ Juan (Santa Paula) • 17 hours ago
Im talking the 384 to. That run would put 50-80" of snow in the Sierra by Christmas.
2 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

tomocean • 18 hours ago

Interesting skies over Auburn this afternoon

see more

9 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Dry Bones ➦ tomocean • 15 hours ago

That's not a "rain is coming" sky, that's for sure

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Pfirman ➦ Dry Bones • 12 hours ago

Heh, in what time frame?

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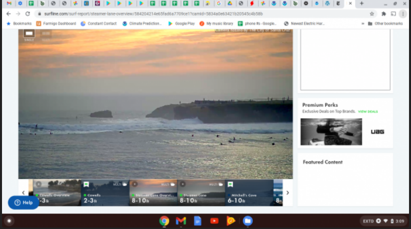
Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 18 hours ago

Pretty gorgeous scene off the Surfline at Steamer Lane cam this afternoon.



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Nathan • 18 hours ago • edited

Oh man anyone else catch the SN8 test flight? That was AWESOME. Lost two engines and ALMOST still stuck the landing!

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ Nathan • 18 hours ago

Coming in hot!

1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Dry Bones ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 15 hours ago

Rapid Unscheduled Disassembly

^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Nathan ↪ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 18 hours ago

A lot of those singe marks will just buff right out...

3 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ↪ Nathan • 16 hours ago

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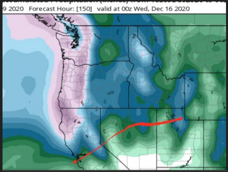
Shane Ritter • 18 hours ago

18z GEFS coming a tad wetter, it's look very likely the Sierra see 1-2" of liquid in the next 6 days. So probably 10-20" of snow. Ill say Tahoe Truckee gets 0.5"-1" of liquid combined, over several impulses.

Whats been stark, and i think will remain so for now, is the I80 divide. I roughly added a red line where the interstate runs. North of it gets some precipitation, south, very little.



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jstrahl ↪ Shane Ritter • 15 hours ago

Your line is just south of me, though i actually live a mile east of I-80. :-)

^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

SLCWx ↪ Shane Ritter • 17 hours ago

Appreciate you extending it to Salt Lake. I live about a mile north of I-80 here, so on the right side of the line.

3 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

alanstorm ↪ Shane Ritter • 17 hours ago

All I want for Christmas is a.....

STORM BARRAGE

2 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

AR (Sunnyvale) ↪ Shane Ritter • 17 hours ago

It's simple, then. We just reroute I-80 into Southern California.

6 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Noah's ARk (209) ↪ Shane Ritter • 18 hours ago

Your line looks to be closer to 88 than 80

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V-Ville (Vacaville) ↪ Shane Ritter • 18 hours ago

Given I live about a mile North of the I80 divide, I hope it makes it this far. Some years we seem to get everything that comes near, others, we get nothing.

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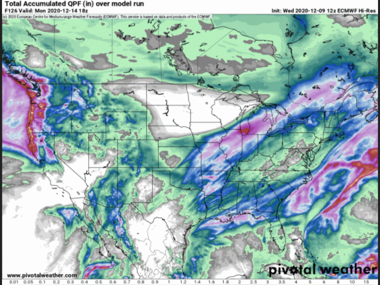
Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ Shane Ritter • 18 hours ago

Euro has climbed on the hype train, looks pretty similar. Of course these amounts won't even get us up to average for Dec. 15th, much less above average. This is still serious drought territory.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alanstorm ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 17 hours ago

You should always sprinkle in some negative to counteract the positive

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NorCalAirForce ➦ alanstorm • 13 hours ago

agreed

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ alanstorm • 16 hours ago

I have a reputation to uphold.

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Yolo Hoe ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 12 hours ago

Farmer requirement

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Nathan ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 18 hours ago

Nice to see AZ get _anything_

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Shane Ritter ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 18 hours ago

Something is always better than nothing. It'll be much easier to climb out of a 50% deficit vs a 75 or 100%

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ Shane Ritter • 18 hours ago

To get to 50% water year average to date I would need to get around 2.5" this week.

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alanstorm ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 17 hours ago

You may get 2.5" by Jan 1

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ alanstorm • 16 hours ago

I would be fine with that.

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Bob G (Gustine) • 20 hours ago

Looks like the projected Super La Nina might be dead. La Nina took a quick dive into Strong La Nina territory but quickly rebounded to -1.13 today. The CFSv2 model was forecasting a deep dive into really strong la nina territory about a month ago. Now it is only forecasting a drop to about -1.25 in january and then steadily climbing up from there over the next several months.

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SoCal Al (El Monte-SGV) ➦ Bob G (Gustine) • 18 hours ago

The latest CPC ENSO diagnostic discussion is scheduled to be released tomorrow, Dec 10th. It will be interesting to see how the CFSv2 model correlates with their winter La Nina outlook.

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2Pluvious-MH ➦ Bob G (Gustine) • 19 hours ago

Moderate Nina this year.

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Bob G (Gustine) ➦ 2Pluvious-MH • 17 hours ago

What it looks like

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CrashingOut ➦ 2Pluvious-MH • 19 hours ago

I'm fuzzy remembering but wasn't it said that in this new regime a big La Nina isn't what it used to be anyways, that moderate is better? I know our El Nino didn't behave as expected, why would the girl?

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Bob G (Gustine) ➦ CrashingOut • 17 hours ago • edited

Daniel said in a previous post something about with the current warm water in eastern pacific the effects of La Nina are enhanced. He said the effects of a strong la nina would be even stronger. The last El Nino was diminished because of the overall warm waters in the Eastern Pacific but La Nina is different

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Dry Bones ➦ Bob G (Gustine) • 15 hours ago

Basically, if it's a dry thing, it will be strengthened; if it's a wet thing it will be weakened. Oversimplifying, but that's what it seems like these days.

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Pfirman ➦ Dry Bones • 12 hours ago

Seems connected.

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2Pluvious-MH ➦ CrashingOut • 19 hours ago

How do it know?

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jstrahl ➦ CrashingOut • 19 hours ago

Nothing will behave as previously expected.

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CrashingOut ➦ jstrahl • 19 hours ago

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) • 21 hours ago

So much for LaNina bringing cold storms.

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) • 20 hours ago

Or any storms, for that matter. Mostly seems to be bringing ridges.

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jstrahl ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 19 hours ago

Every ENSO state seems to be bringing us ridges, nowadays.

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Bob G (Gustine) ➦ jstrahl • 17 hours ago

Not really or we would not have experienced FY2016/FY2017. And while FY2015/FY2016 did not behave like a typical El Nino, the event was still good for the northern half of the state

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jstrahl ➦ Bob G (Gustine) • 15 hours ago

Good for the northern 1/4 of the state, we in the Bay were barely above average. I think something happened in 2016-17, something unusual, to suddenly jog the upper air patterns, and once that happened, they got stuck like that the rest of winter.

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redlands ↱ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 20 hours ago

and boring weather !!!!!!

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Carson Lee Side • 21 hours ago

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Bombillo ↱ Carson Lee Side • 19 hours ago

A Blob by any other name?

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ↱ Carson Lee Side • 20 hours ago

Where is @Think3r when we need his trademark comment.

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Carson Lee Side ↱ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 19 hours ago

His absence has been
RECORD SHATTERING and UNPRECIDENTED.

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gray whale ↱ Carson Lee Side • 20 hours ago • edited

which is bad news, considering a massive 942 mb low just plowed right through there and couldn't shake things up :(

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alanstorm ↱ Carson Lee Side • 20 hours ago

Totally F'ed up😬

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jstrahl ↱ Carson Lee Side • 21 hours ago

Nothing "strange." It's called "global warming," most of the heating has been going into the oceans, so surprise, surprise, ocean waters are warming up everywhere.

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Tangocity ↱ jstrahl • 20 hours ago

(i) This claim about Global Warming is disputed.

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SLCWx ↱ Tangocity • 17 hours ago

How do you feel about COVID? Fake news?

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Tangocity ↱ SLCWx • 17 hours ago

This seems highly off topic for this blog. If your post is not removed in the next 48 hours I will respond but I am expecting it to be deleted.

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Robert T. ↱ Tangocity • 14 hours ago

Darn wrong arrow.

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Juan (Santa Paula) ↱ Tangocity • 18 hours ago

oh so THATS why we experienced 120° 8 miles from the beach in September and have had in SF the driest period in history!

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Tangocity ↱ Juan (Santa Paula) • 17 hours ago

Fact Check: That's called weather, lol

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jstrahl ↱ Tangocity • 19 hours ago

Not by any serious climate scientist, nor by anyone who up-votes themselves. :-)

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Noah's ARk (209) ↱ Tangocity • 20 hours ago

lol...Levitus, S.; Antonov, J.; Boyer, T.; Baranova, O.; Garcia, H.; Locarnini, R.; Mishonov, A.; Reagan, J.; Seidov, D.; Yarosh, E.; Zweng, M. (2017). NCEI ocean heat content, temperature anomalies, salinity anomalies, thermosteric sea level anomalies, halosteric sea level anomalies, and total steric sea level anomalies from 1955 to present calculated from in situ oceanographic subsurface profile data (NCEI Accession 0164586). Version 4.4. NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information. Dataset. doi: 10.7289/V53F4MVP

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Storm Master • a day ago

when models say dry that means it will be vary wet in CA just you wait and see

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janky ➦ Storm Master • 19 hours ago

Is there an inside joke with spelling specific words on WW that I'm not in on? I often see "vary" instead of "very" and "grate" instead of "great". I'd love a vary big storm with some grate precipitation right now!

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CrashingOut ➦ janky • 19 hours ago

You're unironically looking at the source of your query...there's actually a reason for it and it has to do with human I/O concerns. It's a quirk that has been embraced?

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janky ➦ CrashingOut • 19 hours ago

I'll embrace it!

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Leland (Town Biz) ➦ janky • 19 hours ago

buddy you have no idea

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Fairweathercactus ➦ Storm Master • 20 hours ago

Not on cactus watch this year!

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Craig Matthews ➦ Storm Master • 21 hours ago

I'll be vary grateful to see models underestimate the cold rain and snow.

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weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) ➦ Storm Master • a day ago

Maybe in your dreams!

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Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) ➦ Storm Master • a day ago

When the models say it's going to be dry, it's dry. The giant ridge over us yesterday was shown 2 weeks out by the GEFS.

When all the models and ensembles show wet weather, then sometimes we get wet weather. But if only some and not all of them show it, it's not gonna happen.

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Yolo Hoe ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 20 hours ago

Well, maybe this is where CHeden’s persistence algorithm kicks in — in 2016-17, models kept suggesting less precipitation yet we kept getting more — that said and to your point, persistence this season seems to resonate with ‘dry’

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Bob G (Gustine) ➦ Yolo Hoe • 17 hours ago • edited

This. I remember long range dry spells disappearing on model runs that year. I think the problem is people seem to forget those episodes and focus on the dry ones

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gray whale ➦ Yolo Hoe • 20 hours ago

What i remember from 16-17:

-juicy storms showing up in the LR (300+)

-everyone being so jaded from the previous 5 years saying "can't fool me lucy!"

-the storm would indeed disappear inside 240 hours, offering vindication to the naysayers
-the same storm reappears in the 5 days window, and overperforms to the delight of all
-(and, of course, people are already complaining about the next storm disappearing before the storm even hits. but hey, it's WW)

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Yolo Hoe ➦ gray whale • 19 hours ago

Yup

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 21 hours ago

Until the ARKstorm hits us.

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Carson Lee Side ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters) • 21 hours ago

Storm gonna call you a big Downcaster.

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weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) ➦ Straw Droughtyessa (Winters)
• 21 hours ago • edited

Which is exactly why I'm skeptical about any pattern change coming up. Howard mentions the factors against this, too- MJO not in the right position and cold SSTs. I'm expecting models to dry up within the next few days to show the more realistic solution- DRY DRY DRY.

That being said, this weekend's forecasted light rain might actually add up to a few hundredths which is a nice change, but this might be it for the month.

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill)
• 21 hours ago • edited

How much rain are you expecting CA to get this season anyway? I am starting to think that you are not expecting any rain the entire season from San Francisco southward!

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weathergeek100 (Pleasant Hill) ➦ Dan the Weatherman
• 20 hours ago • edited

I'm predicting the driest season on record. Predicting 8" of rain for SF. We'll get a few storms here and there. Maybe by late January? Who knows. Whatever we get will be weak and insignificant. I also don't think this is the only dry spell that we'll have. Probably going to get another 40 day dry spell in Feb/March or so.

I mean, just look at the pattern. All signs point to an extremely dry winter. The teleconnections are all way off. La Nina is strong, north Pacific is a blob of hot water, the Arctic is basically melted out, and the jet stream is stuck in place. We're in unprecedented territory. SoCal is going to get screwed hard. I wouldn't be surprised if SD and LA end up with less than 3", maybe as low as in inch.

I really really hope I'm wrong.

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